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TAGS: MNUC, TECH, IN
SUBJ: TARAPUR RERACKING STUDY

REF: (A) OUR TELCON OF JULY 28 WASHINGTON TIME; (B) BOMBAY 1871.

1. AS J.C. SHAH WAS OUT OF BOMBAY FOR THE WEEKEND, CONGEN WAS UNABLE TO PRESENT LATEST GE SUGGESTIONS FOR REVISION IN CLAUSE 9 OF THE RERACKING STUDY AGREEMENT UNTIL THIS MORNING. CONGEN EXPLAINED THAT "GE PROPOSED THAT THE UNDERLINED LANGUAGE IN THEIR JULY 7 MEMORANDUM (AUTHORED BY LAUB) SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO READ: TECHNICAL CONSULTATION, SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR. THIS CHANGE DROPS THE WORDS ADJUNCT TO THE SERVICES AND WHILE ADDING THE WORD OR."

2. CONGEN EXPLAINED THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT A MAJOR PURPOSE IS TO CLEARLY COVER THE CHOPPER-CRUSHER WHICH IS TO BE LEASED FROM ANEFCO BUT WE ALSO SAID THAT GE WOULD WANT TO CHANGE IN ANY CASE SINCE IT IS ALSO RELATED TO THE OTHER MAJOR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, THE CUTTING TOOL, WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE RACKS. THERE ENSUED A DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER THIS CHANGE

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ENLARGED OR REDUCED GE INDEMNITY COVERAGE. SHAH SEEMED TO THINK THAT IT REDUCED THEIR COVERAGE. THE CONGEN SAID THAT IN ITS VIEW IT CLEARLY EXTENDED COVERAGE TO ANY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER THE AGREEMENT AND DID NOT LIMIT COVERAGE TO EQUIPMENT PROVIDED ADJUNCT TO THE SERVICES SPELLED OUT IN THE AGREEMENT.

3. SHAH'S HESITANCE SEEMED TO DIMINISH AS THE CONVERSATION UNFOLDED AND HE SAID THAT HE WOULD GET BACK TO CONGEN LATER IN THE DAY WITH THE VIEWS OF HIS LAWYERS. IF CONGEN'S EXPLANATION IS SERIOUSLY IN ERROR OR INCOMPLETE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DOE TO SEND ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON RATIONALE FOR SEEKING THESE CHANGES SO THAT WE CAN BETTER ARGUE THE CASE FURTHER IF NECESSARY.

4. CONGEN TOLD SHAH THAT DOE IS STILL AWAITING TIME-PHASED OPERATIONAL PLAN THAT SHAH IS DEVELOPING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE STUDY. SHAH PROMISED TO PROVIDE HIS PLAN WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. HE ASKED IN THE MEANTIME THAT THE DOE AND GE SPECIFY WHAT STEPS THEY WILL EXPECT THE ATOMIC POWER AUTHORITY TO HAVE TAKEN IN ANTICIPATION OF ARRIVAL OF GE TECHNICIANS WITH CUTTING TOOL SOMETIME IN MID TO LATE AUGUST. SHAH SAID THAT HE WANTS TO BE CERTAIN THAT HE IS MAKING ALL POSSIBLE PREPARATIONS BECAUSE THE TIME SCHEDULE, AS EVERYONE RECOGNIZES, IS ALREADY STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT.

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